

# Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

10:00 AM

## Introductions

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## Permitting Status (EPA & DEP District Permitting)

- **Roulette Oil and Gas Co. (EPA and DEP)**

- Clara Township, Potter County
- Clara Field # 20
- Draft Permit: PAS2DO50BPOT
  - Pre-application meeting with DEP held on 1/6/22

EPA - Permit finalized IID 1/14/22

DEP - Permit application not received yet

- **Catalyst Energy, Inc. (EPA and DEP)**

- Keating Township, McKean County
- Catalyst Lot 580-1 Well
- Draft Permit: PAS2D015BMCK
- EPA: Under Review

EPA - Public Noticed, in consultation with Seneca Nation, responding to public comments, working to finalize responses. Hope to finalize permit in next couple of weeks.

DEP - Pre-application meeting held 3/7/22

- **Sandstone Development (EPA)**

- Bradford Township, McKean County
- Draft Permit: PAS2R420BMCK
- Class IIR

EPA - Permit issued 1/27/22, effective 3/4/22

DEP - No DEP permit application received yet

- **Diversified Gas & Oil Corp. (EPA and DEP)**

- Young Twp, Jefferson County
- RP Coal #4 Well
- Operator Unknown Operator –

EPA - Operator is known: G2 Stem LLC, which is the same entity as Diversified. EPA – Were going to use RP Coal #4 well, but that well construction does not meet EPA requirements. Now they are going to drill the David A Weaver 1 well: Class IID in Oriskany Formation. It will be a commercial disposal well.

- **Archaea Energy (EPA and DEP)**

- Class VI- Location TBD

EPA – Archaea still hasn't determined location, but Lackawanna Co. is the likely location. In touch with EPA, garnering further information regarding USDW.

- **Penneco Environmental Solutions (EPA and DEP)**

- Plum Borough, Allegheny County
- Sedat #4A Well

- Draft Permit: PAS2D702BALL
- Class IID

EPA – Permit on hold awaiting water supply complaint issue resolution. Will be public noticing in next few weeks

DEP - One of two water supply complaints was resolved

- **G2 Stem LLC (EPA)**
  - Young Township, Jefferson County
  - David A. Weaver 1 Well
  - Draft Permit: PAS2D060BJEF
  - Class IID
  - See above Diversified

#### **Litigation Status (EPA and DEP Monitoring & Compliance)**

- **PGE- Class IID (EPA and DEP)**
  - Grant Township, Indiana County
  - Permit # PAS2D013BIND

DEP - Argument in Commonwealth Court between residents and company, still pending

#### **Enforcement Actions**

- **Penneco Environmental Solutions (DEP)**
  - Plum Borough, Allegheny County
  - Sedat #3A Well
  - Water supply complaint update
    - 1 of 2 water supply complaints resolved, negative determination letter issued 4/18/22

**Ex. 7(A)**

- **New Century Energy (DEP)**
  - North Fayette Township, Allegheny County
  - 89 conventional wells
    - >20 no longer producing
    - Some produced by EOR methods (produced methane)
    - Some injection and production wells not properly permitted for current use.

**Ex. 7(A)**

- **Bear Lake facility (EPA and DEP)**
  - Columbus Township, Warren County
  - Class IID
  - Ongoing compliance issues

**Ex. 7(A)**

- **Snyder Brothers, Inc. (EPA)**
  - Foster Township, McKean County

- Class IIR
- Proposed Administrative Order

### Ex. 7(A)

- Resources Preservation, Inc. (EPA and DEP)
  - Highland Township, Elk County
  - Class IIR
  - Administrative Order
  - Letter of Understanding- status update (DEP)

## Ex. 7(A)

- New Enforcement Actions
  - None

### Other Business

- Permit conditions relating to the connection to the pressure line, valves, flanges etc., for any new wells. (Douglas Welsh, DEP)

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- SPCC plans (Steven Lencer, DEP)

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- UIC Primacy (DEP and EPA)
  - PA is currently considering whether or not to seek primacy approval and has questions on the process. Would EPA like to discuss now or schedule a separate future meeting to do that?

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- What is EPA Region III's current level of effort in Pennsylvania to run this program?
  - Number of staff/FTEs EPA devotes to the program and what sort of funds have been budgeted to run the program over the past few fiscal years.

### Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- Are there particular technical competencies that EPA expects a state seeking primacy to have in place before approval?
  - Staff breakdown in terms of permitting vs. field oversight and compliance/enforcement efforts.

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

- **If Pennsylvania would obtain program approval, what funding would be available from EPA, if any, to apply for approval (if any) and to operate the program?**
  - Availability of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding under section 40306 to promote states seeking Class VI well program approval.

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

- **Primacy request process**
  - How is the request initiated?  
EPA - DEP needs to request it.
  - What sort of review would occur?  
EPA - EPA would look at state regs. EPA would do crosswalk on formal basis. Does EPA have an estimated timeline for the process to be completed (understanding that every process has its particular issues)?  
EPA - Can't say how long it would take depending on public interest.
- **Can states select particular classes of wells for program approval and are not required to request complete program approval?**  
EPA – you can select class II
- **If Pennsylvania's program is approved, what sort of working relationship would PADEP and EPA have?**
  - Annual oversight as well as the potential for joint compliance inspections?

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

- Other New Business  
none  
Meeting adjourned: 11:05

**NEXT MEETING:**

**August 9, 2022 10:00 AM**